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Milan, January 11. *N. S.*

ON the 5th Inſtant the Theatre took Fire immediately after the Audience was gone out of the Houſe. The Flame was ſo violent, that it ſpread it ſelf to the next Buildings, where were the Offices belonging to the Secretaries of State and War, and Part of the Chancery: But the Great Chancellor and other Miniſters of State appearing among the People, gave ſuch timely and proper Orders, that moſt of the Records were ſaved, and the Palace it ſelf preſerved. Count Boneſana is returned hither, after having ſeen his Regiment embarked for Catalonia. The Palatine Horſe which were deſigned for the ſame Service, and countermanded, are returned again into this State. We hear from Naples, That the Viceroy has diſcovered a Conſpiracy among the Priſoners of War; upon which Occaſion they are conducted to Places remote from each other: The Duke of Eſcalona is carried to the Caſtle of Baya; the Prince of Cellamare to the Caſtle Novo; and the Duke of Biſaccia to the Caſtle del Oro. They add, That *Te Deum* has been ſung for the taking of Orbitello. General Wetzell has marched in thither with a very ſtrong Gariſon, and furniſhed the Place with all the Neceſſaries of Ammunition and Proviſion. The great Rains of late have done very much Damage in Calabria. The two Dutch Veſſels which were hired by the Neapolitans as Convoys to their Barks between Naples and Apulia, are diſmiſſed from that Service.

Turin, Jan. 14. On the 8th Inſtant the Envoys of Great Britain and Spain arrived here from Genoa; the Forces deſigned for Catalonia having embarked on the firſt Inſtant. Thoſe Succours conſiſt of Palatine, Imperial and Italian, Troops, to the Number of 7200 Men. Twenty two Britiſh and 6 Dutch Men of War, two Frigats belonging to his Catholick Majeſty, together with the Tranſport-ſhips and other Veſſels belonging to ſeveral Nations in the Alliance, made up that Fleet 78 Sail. It is ſaid, That, in conſideration his Catholick Majeſty hath ſo powerful a Party in Sardinia, and the Inclinations of the People are univerſally bent towards a Revolution in his Favour, thoſe Forces would lie by in the Road of Cagliari before they proceeded to Barcelona. The Governor of Coni having received Advice, That the French were in Motion in the Country of Nice, has given neceſſary Orders for reinforcing the Gariſon of Saorgio, and the other adjacent Places of Defence. Some Days ago we received Advice, That a large Detachment of French Horſe were entred into Piedmont; but had retir'd towards La Perouſe.

Venice, Jan. 15. The Diverſions of the Carnaval began on the 8th Inſtant, by the Permiſſion of the Magiſtrates, with the uſual Ceremony. This City having been very much infeſted with Thieves, the State has publiſhed an Edict, wherein any who ſhall come in and diſcover their Accomplices, are not only promiſed Pardon, but Reward. The Senate has thought fit to augment their Troops in the Morea and Dalmatia. They write from Breſcia, That there have paſſed great Bodies of Recruits from Germany to the Imperial Troops in Italy; and that they expect much greater Numbers, who are already arrived in Tirol. 'Tis ſaid, the Body now on their March, with the Reinforcements already paſſed through that Country, amount to 20000 Men.

Vienna, January 18. The Recruits raiſed for the Service in Italy are every Day ſent away to the reſpective Regiments for which they are deſigned. Several Boats full of Men have alſo been diſpatched to recruit the Troops in Hungary. The laſt of February is the Day appointed for the opening the Diet of Presburg; and the Circular Letters to ſummon all the States of that Kingdom are iſſued out accordingly. The Malecontents have received all poſſible Aſſurances, That they ſhall not be in the leaſt moleſted, but have all manner of Liberty during their Stay at Presburg, and be permitted to return from thence when they ſhall think fit. The Emperor has lately publiſhed an Edict, wherein a Tax is laid on all Publick Houſes where they entertain Companies for Dancing; and the Rate demanded of each Houſe is ſettled according to the Number of Muſicians who play to ſuch Companies. This Tax is to take place in all Parts of the Hereditary Dominions. They write from Great Waradin of the 23d of the laſt Month, That Colonel Beckers, Governor of that Fortreſs, had found Means to bring into the Place a large Supply of Proviſions. They ſay alſo from Gran, That Colonel Brickenthal, at the Head of ſome Detachments from the Gariſons of Buda and Peſt, had the ſame Succeſs in relieving Alba Regalis. The Inhabitants of the Neighbourhood of Ratzendorf, near Altenburg, in Lower Hungary, have been alarm'd by a Party of 2000 Malecontents, who have poſſeſſed themſelves of a ſmall Iſland in the Danube, and lie in a Readineſs to inſult that Part of the Country. The Marquis de Courtance, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Savoy to this Court, is arrived here.

Berne, Jan. 21. The French King having written to this Canton, and acquainted 'em, That he had given Orders to his Ambaſſador to ſignifie his Anſwer to their Letter relating to Neufchatel; the Canton thereupon ſent Inſtructions to their Deputies at the Diet of Baden, to viſit Monſieur de Pinſieulx, and deſire he would communicate his Maſter's Reſolution upon that Subject. The Ambaſſador gave them an Extract of his Orders, containing in Subſtance, that he was to declare to the Diet, That tho' the King his Maſter ſhould have been inclin'd to grant a Neutrality to Neufchatel in Conſideration of the Cantons, he could not conſent to it after the Steps the Canton of Berne had made, and the Reports which his Enemies had induſtriouſly ſpread of their Deſign of penetrating into France by that Paſſage; That the Motions of the French Troops in Franche Comté ought not to alarm the Cantons, ſince he was perſuaded they intended to keep their Alliance with France, and would not defend the Injuſtice committed at Neufchatel in the Diſpoſal of that Sovereignty: But that he was ſo well ſatisfied of their Truth and Sincerity, and ſo ready to favour 'em on all Occaſions, that he promis'd to let Neufchatel remain in a perfect Neutrality, if the Cantons would engage to make the Miniſters and Officers of the Sovereign they had lately choſen to depart out of the Country; and further oblige themſelves to keep it in Sequeſtration till a general Peace: After which the ſeveral Pretenders may make their Claim before an Impartial Tribunal. This Propoſition has not yet been under Debate; but it is generally eſteem'd ſuch as cannot but be rejected at firſt view by the whole Aſſembly.

Hague, Jan. 31. *N. S.* Yeſterday the States General came to a Reſolution of becoming Sureties in behalf of the States of Suabia for the Sum of Five hundred thouſand Guilders. They write from the Upper Rhine, That the Mareſchal de Villars had ſet out from Huningen in order to go to Strasbourg. Advices from Suiſſerland ſay, That the Magiſtrates of Berne had diſcover'd a Plot to blow up the Magazine of Yverdun, and that the French waited only for the Succeſs of that Deſign before they would reſolve to enter the Principality of Neufchatel. We hear from Bazil, That the Propoſals made by the French Ambaſſador to the Diet of the 13 Cantons, were received in a manner very contrary to his Expectation; and the

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